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PRESS RELEASE

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Community Development Block Grants Awarded to Whatcom County

Bellingham, WA: Whatcom County announces it has been awarded two federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) from the Washington State Department of Commerce which will benefit two very important projects in our community.

The first grant, in the amount of \$500,000, will go to our community partner, The Opportunity Council, to be applied to their Housing Rehabilitation Program for the benefit of qualifying low-to-moderate income citizens seeking assistance with home repair and improvement projects.

The second grant, in the amount of \$750,000, will go to another community partner, Unity Care Northwest, to be applied towards the construction of their relocated clinic in Ferndale, Washington. The nonprofit clinic will provide primary medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy and lab services, offering a sliding fee scale to assure that services are available regardless of the ability to pay.

Whatcom County is proud to partner with both these nonprofit groups in the administration and management of these two State grants. These projects provide not only an economic benefit to our community, but lasting improvements to local affordable housing and to the ability to expand medical care to those who are most in need.

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